THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN

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Next week we shall present every purchaser of THE CITIZEN with a facsimile of the celebrated "wall paper" Vicksburg Citizen, set up by the rebels just before Grant captured the city, and struck off by printer soldiers in Grant's army after his entry,

The Health Board.

There seems to be a good deal of people regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Health Board of the Township. It is a powerful remedy provided by the Legislature for then discover there is none. dealing with large or obstinate nuis- Here is arexample from Anna Karenina.

of the Townships and warn those of it. Tolstoi is a realist from the be of cleanliness require that filth likely who are endangering the public ginning to the farther of it. Disgustingly to become dangerous which cannot health to stop their evil practices. If so, often—as you think often—but that be otherwise perfectly destroyed, the warning is heeded well; for then impression is subdued later by the truth should be burned. This value of this has the Board accomplished to the of it; t-rribly so sometimes, as in 'Ivan principle in the sanitation of cities, published for the wonderful cures accomplished ed—the prevention of that whi is injurious to the public health. If words do not suffice, as they will in ninety cases out of a htndred then by all means let the severer penalties follow. As of old the true order words, has done it to perfection. Anna Kare-

We commend to the tender consideration of our Health Board the Odorless Excavation Company to the west of us, who, we are given to understand, have openly declared their intention of using some of our territory for a dumping ground, and say we may fine them if we can catch them. The man who keeps a heap of half rotten hides, horns, hoofs, or some other portion of bovine anatomy near his front door seems to be inviting the appropriation of fifty dollars of his money to the public use. Then our friends at the gas house seem never to be cured permanently and soon grow weary in well-doing. They cannot now lay all their sins at their neighbor's stable door, and will be obliged to father their own. The State Board of Health warns its servants to be vigilant, energetic, and vet prudent. We can do no better than second its commands and add the words of Davy Crockett: "Be sure you are right, then go a head. But sis of character and subtle feelings; t'e sometimes even then it is better to go

Count Leo Tolstoi.

His Works and Character as Reviewed in a Paper Contributed to The Fortnightly Club, Printed in THE CITEZEN by request.)

Tolstoi is a Russian nobleman, sixty years of age, living on his estate; according to Mr. George Kennan, "dwelling in the plainest of houses and wearing the plainest of clothes.' "In the room next to his study lies his shoemaker's outfit, his awl and knife and leather. On the wooden partition wall hangs the scythe with which, a little later, he will renew the pleasures of morning, which he has eulogized in 'Anna Karenina'." It is runs over a list of men in high position principle with this wealthy nobleman, this great novelist, to rid himself of all appearances of riches, to earn Darioloff, Karibanoff, Semeroff, and other his daily bread, to have the homeliest "offs" that we feel like adding Come-off, friendship with his peasants.

He has written the novels "War and Peace," and "Anna Karenina," in which he has drawn the characters of Pierre and Leoin; he has written au tobiography, "My Confession" and ters appear but slightly changed, as I. Of late he seems to have gone into purely didactic work, such as "What to Do." That marks his progress. His convictions have been growing in just. There are deep morals and tragic intensity, until they have reached white heat, and white heat in the brain is not far from fanaticism.

And he has the courage of his convictions. He will not stop short of the last logical consequences of his opinions, no matter what it costs. it is selling all that he has and giving hard of delicacy is different. With his to the poor, he will do it, unless restrained. And his present religious attitude is just that literal interpretation of Christ's words. He has made them supreme. He has thrown and defenders of purity." overboard all the rest of the Bible, the Apostles and the Church. With 'unconscious and magnificent egotismhe says it was reserved for him after eighteen centuries to discover the law of Christ as a new thing. According to him the Sermon on the Mount must be taken literally. "Resist not evil," therefore war is always wrong; "Judge not," therefore all courts of justice are unchristian : "Swear not at all," therefore all legal oaths are forbidden.

men, he is, whose spiritual life has passed through an awful crisis of doubt and despair and found rest in a religion of humanity, at present, but be preserved for centuries, and then the end is not yet.

Turgenieffon his death bed, extolled germinate and reproduce their kind, the genius of Tolstoi, and begged so the germs of contagious disease him to abandon his present writings after being entombed for ages may be and return to fiction, of which he is

strength of his brain.

But one cannot read far without a sense ting into a book," as it is called, is never domain of the living men and their accomplished in Tolstol's novels. You uses. They pollute the air and the misapprehension in the minds of some think you have gotten into it and are be water. One generation of men revels coming absorbed, when you suddenly find out its little life upon the earth, passes that you have gotten out of it again. Here and there you are carried breath; lessly along, expecting a denoument, and to endure forever. Fifty millions of

ances which ordinary means seemed Sevin is hopelessly late for his wedding, powerless to reach. If every time a because his valet has packed up his clean pigpen or farmyard is cleaned out or shirt and sent it off. A whole chapter is garden manured or a housemaid emp- given to the incident, opening with the ties a sail of suds out ol doors, or a throng of people waiting in the church; neighbor cooks codfish with the win- and knowing, as you do by this time, the dows open the powerful and arbitrary excruciating jealousy of those Russians machinery of the Health Board is to and the tribulations through which Sevin be put in motion it will not be long has won his bride, you naturally expect a before some legislature will abolish catastrophe. And nothing in the world Health Boards or so curtail their pow- happens. Sevin is late, and that is all. er that they will scarcely be more re- And so with countless incidents, which cognizable than that famous parrot one expects to have important results, but who had the little difficulty with the which turn out to be nothing. There is monkey. Not every bad smell is a really no plot to work out. You cannot nusiance or a danger to the public skip; the end is nothing, the way to it is been discovered. All known disinhealth. Nor will the people submit everything. And when one gets over the fectants are under some circumstanto arbitrary and unreasonable conduct first disappointment and realizes that ces imperfect and unreliable, or of from health officials even where there these incidents are just pictures from difficult or impossible application. may be some good ground for com- life, are life indeed, which is often fruit. Those upon which the greatest reli-It is the duty of the Board to watch | marvel of fiction.

> shut the door occasionally and keep the ble substances liable to decay. camera out. But Tolstoi is an artist and his aim being to picture Russian life he nina" begins: "Confusion reigned in the house of the Oblosky's. The wife had discovered that her husband was too attentive to the French governess," The husband, Prince Stepan, coming home. found his wife with a compromising letter in her hand. "What is this? This? she demanded, He, was unable to prepare his face for the unexpected discovery and instead of getting offended, or denying it, or justifying himself, or asking forgiveness-anything would have been better than what he really did-in spite of himself, absolutely in spite of himself, he suddenly smiled with his ordinary, good-humored and therefore stupid smile. He could not forgive himself for that stupid smile. That stupid smile caused

the whole trouble thought Stepan Arka-Ten to one, it is exactly what a handsome, worldly, sensuous and egotistical man, fond of good dinners and not overmuch afraid of hi wife, would have done. And yet the re is wonderfully keen analnicest discrimination. There is a view of satire too, pervading the descriptions of Under Water-tight Sheds vanities and frivolities which is very

"It could not be said that Yashvin lacked principles. He had principles but

they were immoral ones.' "Vrousky's life was especially happy because he had formed a special code of rules which never failed to regulate what he ought to do and what he ought not to do. This code applied to a very small circle of duties, but they were strictly determined; and as Vrousky never had to go outside of this circle, he had never een obliged to hesitate about his course Telephone 326, Orange. of action. This code prescribed unfailingly that it was necessary to pay gambling debts, but not tailor's bills; that it was not possible to tell lies, except to women; that insults could be co umitted, but never pardoned."

When Karenina finds himself deceived by Anna, he quite as a matter of course. who have had to mourn over the faithlessness of their wives, and without an effort of the memory, he finds so many,

Altogether "Anna Karenina" is a picture of Russian life, terrible in the merciless fidelity of its realistic coloring and intensely interesting in its various char The great question which meets all the

leaders is as to the moral effect of these novels. Some say we must distinguish between the motive of the writer and the tendency of his works. The Apostle Paul says: Why not do evil that good may come-as some say-whose damnation is warnings in these books, but the expediency of being contronted with vice-in order to recognize and abhor it-is very doubtful. A highly esteemed critic says: "Who can quote Tolstoi? What American magazine would dare publish a literal translation?" They are not American novels, however, but Russian. The standard of morality is different. The stanown countrymen, the balance of moral impression may be decidedly on the right side-is so, no doubt, and he writes for his countrymen. Among then he is a knight sworn by nature among the lovers

Cremation. From a paper read before San Diego Society of Natural History by G. W. Barnes, M. D., and published in

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under favoring conditions be made to

warmed into life under suitable envi-

In his novels the first thing which im- be attributed the sudden outbreak of presses one is quantity of material and epidemics and the occurrences of power, the number and variety of subjects forms of disease not previously known on which he has formed and expresses, in the locality. Evidence is not wanteither directly or indirectly, conclusions. ing that bodies which had perished Art and literature and philosophy, politi- from infectious disease on being exwith a sarcastic editorial note of their here. One is struck with the activity and interment have communicated the same disease to the living.

Cemeteries are a growing evil and of disappointment. That thing of "get- a danger. They encroach upon the away and gives place to a succeeding But cemeteries seem designed people in our own land walk the earth to lav. Where shall they be laid, and where the millions of the next suc ceeding generations? The living tides of humanity will be turned from their channels to give way to the advancing armies of the dead.

Says Sir Henry Thompson: "No dead body is ever placed in the soil without polluting the earth, the air and the water above and about it. The experiments of Pasteur and others have shown that earth-worms bring to the surface myriads of bacteria from the bodies of the decomposing dead.

No successful means of counteracting these destructive agencies have less and waste; then one appreciates the ance has been placed are too often only deodorants. The only true discarefully the doings of the inhabitants | And then one is struck by the realism | infectant is fire. Correct principles all places. We wish that people would garbage and all animal and wegeta the fires and boilers in the engine room. I

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